

Town of Shaftsbury Select Board Meeting  
Monday, March 7, 2022

1. Call to Order

Town administrator David Kiernan called to the meeting to order the at 6:30 p.m. Also present in person were select persons Tony Krulikowski, Art Whitman, Martha Cornwell, and Mike Cichanowski.

2. Nomination of Select Board Officers

Mr. Krulikowski nominated Art Whitman as chair of the Select Board. Mr. Cichanowski seconded the motion, which passed 3-0-1, with Mr. Whitman abstaining. At that point, Mr. Whitman took control of the meeting, and asked for nominations for vice-chairman. Mr. Cichanowski nominated Mr. Krulikowski for vice-chair. Ms. Cornwell seconded the motion, which passed 3-0-1 with Mr. Krulikowski abstaining.

3. Conflict of Interest Statement

No one reported a conflict of interest with any item on the agenda.

4. Organizational Meeting: Rules of Procedure; Liaison Assignments; Appointment Policy Adoption; Appointment of Town Officers

Mr. Krulikowski moved to accept the Rules of Procedures (essentially Robert's Rules of Order). Mr. Cichanowski seconded the motion, which passed 4-0-0.

Ms. Cornwell agreed to look over the list of liaison appointments and choose those she wishes to be assigned to.

Mr. Krulikowski moved to accept the appointment policy sent to the board by Mr. Kiernan. Mr. Cichanowski seconded the motion, which passed 4-0-0.

The appointment of new officers was tabled until Mr. Kiernan can confirm that all are willing to continue to serve.

Mr. Whitman welcomed Ms. Cornwell to the Select Board.

5. Minutes

Mr. Cichanowski moved to approve the minutes of the February 27 town meeting informational meeting. Mr. Krulikowski seconded the motion, which passed 3-0-1 with Ms. Cornwell abstaining.

6. Warrants

Payroll warrant, \$30,878.07. Mr. Krulikowski moved to approve the warrant. Mr. Cichanowski seconded the motion, which passed 4-0-0.

Check warrant # 27, \$90,308.46. Mr. Krulikowski moved to approve the warrant. Mr. Cichanowski seconded the motion, which passed 4-0-0.

Shires Housing pass-through, \$340,040. Mr. Krulikowski moved to approve the warrant. Mr. Cichanowski seconded the motion, which passed 4-0-0.

7. Announcements

Mr. Whitman said that the town's mask mandate would be expiring in a few days and would not be extended. At the next meeting, therefore, masks will be optional. Ms. Cornwell reported that Bennington County is still in a "red" zone, and that the CDC recommends that masks be worn indoors even if one is fully vaccinated and boosted.

8. Public Comments

There were none.

#### 9. Treasurers report

Melanie Dexter said the only activity this month was a little bit of water payments coming in, and a FEMA grant for fire department equipment. She highlighted a couple of receipts that represent flow through monies and which therefore skew upward receipts and downward payments as compared to those budgeted amounts.

The state is offering assistance to residents needing help with water, utilities, property taxes and other expenses. The link is on the website.

#### 10. DPW report

Mr. Kiernan said it is clear that some trees along Holy Smoke Road will have to be removed come spring, in order to make it possible to place ditches there. He said the town plans to repave Buck Hill Road this field season, but the cost of asphalt may limit those plans. Trees will be taken down on Buck Hill in preparation for that paving, and on Bahan Road.

Mr. Kiernan said he and DPW foreman Mike Yannotti have agreed to have a dip on White Creek Rd. bored, so the town can understand what the best fix might be. The town will seek grant funds for any repair.

Sand and salt costs and overtime are well within budget for this time of year.

#### 11. Certificate of Highway Mileage

The annual mileage certificate, upon which the state bases highway funding disbursed to the town, states that the town has 86.279 miles of roads within its borders. Mr. Krulikowski moved to submit the certificate to the state. Ms. Cornwell seconded the motion, which passed 4-0-0.

#### 12. Other Business

Paulin Inc. applied for a 2<sup>nd</sup> class liquor license, which the town must approve before it is submitted to the state. Mr. Krulikowski moved to approve the license. Mr. Cichanowski seconded the motion, which passed 4-0-0.

Thyme Tables applied for two caterer's licenses to serve alcohol at catered events. Mr. Krulikowski moved to approve the licenses. Mr. Cichanowski seconded the motion, which passed 4-0-0.

Mr. Kiernan reported that bids are being sought for the Hawks/Grandview neighborhood sidewalk scoping project. BCRC is acting as the project foreman. The project will give the town a general idea of how feasible sidewalks (and the underlying drainage construction) would be. A selection committee will choose the consultant. Public hearings will be held.

Mr. Krulikowski thanked Marlene Hall and Gina Jenks and their helpers for their fine efforts on election day.

Mr. Whitman asked selectpersons to come to the next meeting with a couple of goals for the year, e.g. ordinances need review. Mr. Kiernan reminded all that the town needs to decide on how to spend ARPA funds. He also expressed support for working on Cole Hall improvements this year.

#### 13. Review of Action Items

There were none.

#### 14. Adjournment

Mr. Krulikowski moved to adjourn at 7:50 p.m. Ms. Cornwell seconded the motion, which passed 4-0-0.